

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF)
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY TO ESTABLISH PREPAID) CASE NO. 2000-548
GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE)

O R D E R

The Commission, having considered the proposed tariff filed on December 5, 2000 by Louisville Gas and Electric Company to establish a pilot program for residential prepaid gas and electric service, hereby finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further investigation is needed to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

Further, the Commission has considered the motions for full intervention filed on December 15, 2000 by Metro Human Needs Alliance ("MHNA") and People Organized and Working for Energy Reform ("POWER") and finds that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the issues in this case without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. An informal conference shall be held on January 9, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
2. Intervention is granted to MHNA and POWER.

3. MHNA and POWER shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.

4. Should MHNA or POWER file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, they shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director